

AGENDA



Recommendation for Council Action

AUSTIN CITY COUNCIL

Regular Meeting : February 1, 2018

Item Number: **048**

Purchasing Office

Authorize award and execution of a multi-term contract with Vaughn Pasture and Range Management, LLC, to provide vegetation shredding services, for up to five years for a total contract amount not to exceed \$450,000. (Note: This solicitation was reviewed for subcontracting opportunities in accordance with City Code Chapter 2-9C Minority Owned and Women Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program. For the services required for this solicitation, there were no subcontracting opportunities; therefore, no subcontracting goals were established).

Lead Department	Purchasing Office.
Fiscal Note	Funding in the amount of \$60,000 is available in the Fiscal Year 2017-2018 Operating Budget of Austin Water. Funding for the remaining contract term is contingent upon available funding in future budgets.
Purchasing Language	The Purchasing Office issued an Invitation for Bids (IFB) 2200 ISR0030 for these services. The solicitation issued on September 18, 2017 and it closed on October 10, 2017. Of the four offers received, the recommended contractor submitted the lowest responsive offer. A complete solicitation package, including a tabulation of the bids received, is available for viewing on the City’s Financial Services website, Austin Finance Online. Link: Solicitation Documents <https://www.austintexas.gov/financeonline/vendor_connection/solicitation/solicitation_details.cfm?sid=119588> .
For More Information	Inquiries should be directed to the City Manager’s Agenda Office, at 512-974-2991 or AgendaOffice@austintexas.gov < mailto:AgendaOffice@austintexas.gov > NOTE: Respondents to this solicitation, and their representatives, shall continue to direct inquiries to the solicitation’s Authorized

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Council Committee, Boards and Commission Action	January 10, 2018- Recommended by the Water and Wastewater Commission on a 7-0 vote, with Commissioners Parton, Moriarty, Kellough and Bell absent.
Client Department(s)	Austin Water.

Additional Backup Information:

The contract will provide vegetation shredding for Austin’s Water Quality Protection Lands (WQPL). The shredding is needed to help meet the goals of restoring these selected lands to grass land and savannah ecosystem. This type of vegetation shredding helps to yield optimal water quantity and quality to recharge the Edwards Aquifer, through Barton Springs, which is the primary goal of the program. The land management plan that directs these practices and goals was approved by Council on December 13, 2012, Resolution No. 20121213-003.

Austin Water determined the requested authorization amount from previous years along with estimated projections for the remainder of this fiscal year and future budgets.

If the City is unable to secure a vegetation shredding contract to protect the WQPL, the Edwards Aquifer could be affected.

Contract Detail

	Contract	Contract	Contract	Revised
	Term	Amount	Amendment	Amount
Initial Term	2	\$180,000	n/a	n/a
Extension Option 1	1	\$ 90,000	n/a	n/a
Extension Option 2	1	\$ 90,000	n/a	n/a
Extension Option 3	1	\$ 90,000	n/a	n/a
TOTAL	5	\$450,000	\$ -	\$ -